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- 1. All the anti-Western propaganda posters, which existed in profusion in Leipzig at the time of the last spring fair in March 1955, have been removed in anticipation of the fall fair. Leipzig is now blanketed by signs saying, "Closer to peace through international fairs."
- 2. Officials of the Fair Office and representatives of DIA assert that Chancellor Adenauer has no right to negotiate for German unity since he is not the freely elected representative of the German nation. The privately expressed opinion of such officials is that East Germany is a sovereign state and that therefore any discussions of unity require the participation of East German representatives; however, they believe the present division of Germany is permanent.
- 3. These views are not shared by the bulk of ordinary citizens in Leipzig, but even these persons are highly pessimistic about the achievement of unity within the next several years.

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